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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KARL-JOSEF OLLFISCH, ET AL. : EXAMINER: SZEWCZYK, CYNTHIA
SERIAL NO: 10/550,692 :
FILED: AUGUST 3, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1791
FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR :
CROWNING GLASS SHEETS

REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.41

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313
SIR:

Appellants note the statement in the “Response to Argument” section (page 7, top paragraph) of the Examiner’s Answer that “applicant is not responding to the interpretation of the prior art presented in the final rejection,” i.e., that the bending mold 5 is a transfer former and the transport device 7 of Balduin et al is actually the final bending former because the glass sheets would continue to sag thereon after being transferred from the bending mold 5.

Applicants wish to confirm that pages 6-7 of the Appeal Brief do in fact address this interpretation of the prior art presented in the final rejection, to wit:

The examiner’s interpretation is not supported by the disclosure of the structure in Balduin et al and is inconsistent with the explicit teaching therein that bending does not occur on the transport device 7. See Balduin et al, sentence bridging pp. 4-5 (the transport device 7 desirably “forms a continuous extension of the bending face of the ... bending mold 5,” and so would not permit further sagging after the glass sheets have been transferred thereto from

the bending mold 5 having the same shape); see also paragraph [0050] ("further unintended deformation of the edge is prevented" during transfer on the transport device 7).

Appellants therefore request that the final rejection be REVERSED.

Respectfully submitted,

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